Crude oil Production by ONGC

†1510. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister fo PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC is the largest crude producing public sector undertaking;

(b) if so, average annual production thereof during the last three years;

(c) the rate at which produced crude oil was sold to oil refineries during the last three years; and

(d) the criteria adopted for fixing the selling rate?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The average annual crude oil prc duction by ONGC during the last 3 years i.e. 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 was 25.59 million metric tonne.

(c) From 1st April 2002, crude oil prices are fixed by ONGC in negotiations with the public sector refineries. The crude oil was sold during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 (April—Dec, 2004) at the average rate of Rs. 10,387, Rs. 9,357 and Rs. 12,819 per metric tonne, respectively.

(d) ONGC's crude is benchmarked to Nigerian sweet crude, namely, Bonny Light and is linked to its international price subject to quality and other adjustment.

Development of Tourist Places

1511. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places in the country which are being developed with full focus for tourism from other countries; and

(b) what kind of infrastructure is being developed in such focused destinations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism

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